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20 May 1946

CENTRAL PLANNING STAFFSPECIAL ASSIGNMENT MEMO

SUBJECT: Development of Intelligence on USSR

1. The Chief of the Intelligence Branch, Central Planning Staff, has been designated as the CIG coordinator on the planning committee provided in paragraph 5 of CIG Directive . This appointment was announced by memorandum of the Secretary, NIA, dated 13 May. It enclosed a memorandum by the Director of Central Intelligence, also dated 13 May, defining the authority of the coordinator to be exercised subject to direction of the Chief, Central Planning Staff.

2. It should be noted that this function is assigned to an office, rather than to an individual. The Chief, Intelligence Branch, and in his absence the Acting Chief, will carry out the functions herewith assigned, making full use of all personnel and facilities of his Branch.

3. Except in matters of major policy, the Chief, Intelligence Branch, will, subject to direction from this office, act for the Director of Central Intelligence in deciding matters upon which the planning committee disagrees. He will keep this office informed of all such disagreements, and of the decisions made. In any case of disagreement which he is not empowered to decide, or in any case where he considers it advisable to refer the matter to this office for advice on the decision, he will submit a report and recommendations to this office. In matters of major policy, the recommendations will include the draft of a proposed report to the Director of Central Intelligence, and a draft of the proposed action by him.

 Acting Chief, Central Planning Staff

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MEMORANDUM FOR: The Chief, Central Planning Staff

SUBJECT: Development of Intelligence on U.S.S.R.

REFERENCE: C.I.C. Directive []

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1. C.I.C. Directive [] provides that the Director of Central Intelligence furnish a coordinator on the Planning Committee. It further provides that "In case of disagreement within the Planning Committee, the matter will be submitted by the coordinator to the Director of Central Intelligence for decision."

2. It is my desire that the C.I.C. coordinator on the Planning Committee be selected by you from the personnel of the Central Planning Staff.

3. This coordinator is hereby authorized, subject to your direction, to act for me, when practicable, in deciding matters upon which the Planning Committee disagrees, except in matters of major policy. The coordinator will submit to you any case of disagreement which he is not empowered to decide. You will then submit to me a report of the matter, with your comments and recommendations.

SIEMMY E. SCHLES
Director

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C.I.G. DIRECTIVE DEVELOPMENT OF INTELLIGENCE ON USSR

Memorandum by the Director of Central Intelligence, with
the Unanimous Concurrence of the Intelligence Advisory Board

1. There is an urgent need to develop the highest possible quality of intelligence on the USSR in the shortest possible time. By informal agreement, a Planning Committee, composed of a coordinator from the Central Intelligence Group (CIG) and representatives from the State Department, Military Intelligence Division (G-2), Office of Naval Intelligence (ONI), and the Office of the Assistant Chief of Air Staff-2 (A-2) has been formed and has drawn up a plan to coordinate and improve the production of intelligence on the USSR. This plan has been approved informally by all members of the Intelligence Advisory Board and is now in operation.

2. The purpose of this Directive is to formalize the temporary agreement and establish it as a project under the coordination of the Director of Central Intelligence. The mission of the project is to develop and pool the appropriate resources of all agencies of the United States Government in order to insure the production of the highest possible quality of intelligence on the USSR and its peripheral areas in the minimum time.

3. A Planning Committee is established to devise ways and means for carrying out the mission. This Committee will consist of a coordinator, furnished by the Director of Central Intelligence, and of one representative each of the Special Assistant

CIG Directive

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to the Secretary of State in Charge of Research and Intelligence; the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2, WDCS; the Chief of Naval Intelligence; and the Assistant Chief of Air Staff-2. The coordinator will act in a supervisory capacity. The Planning Committee will select a Chairman from among its representatives. The Secretary shall be furnished by a member agency by mutual agreement. The Chairman of the Committee will consult the coordinator whenever necessary to secure assistance of the Central Intelligence Group on problems confronting the Committee. When appropriate, the coordinator will meet with the Committee. In case of disagreement within the Planning Committee, the matter will be submitted by the coordinator to the Director of Central Intelligence for decision.

4. a. A Working Committee is established to carry out the policies and plans prepared by the Planning Committee. It will be composed of personnel from the State Department, G-2, ONI, and A-2, as necessary and available. The Secretary of the Planning Committee will be the Chairman of the Working Committee and will supervise the staff of the Working Committee. The Chairman of the Committee will consult the CIG coordinator on the Planning Committee whenever necessary to secure assistance of the Central Intelligence Group on problems confronting the Committee. When appropriate, the CIG coordinator will meet with the Committee.

b. The Working Committee will establish and coordinate a system to compile a digest of all types of factual strategic intelligence on the USSR. This digest shall be known as Strategic Intelligence Digest (SID). Facilities of the member agencies will be utilized to the maximum extent practicable. The Committee will establish its own methods of operation.

c. Copies of SID will be distributed to member agencies and the CIG only. Strategic Intelligence Estimates (SIE) based on the SID, will be prepared by member agencies

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individually as required to meet their own needs and also whenever requested by the Director of Central Intelligence. All estimates prepared by member agencies will be furnished the CIG. Whenever the national interest requires it, estimates will be prepared by the CIG.

d. The Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2, WDGS, will provide office space and other necessary facilities for the Working Committee in the Pentagon Building.

5. Each member of the Intelligence Advisory Board will furnish the name of his representative on the Planning Committee to the Director of Central Intelligence. These representatives will be responsible for furnishing the lists of personnel authorized to work in or help the Working Committee.

6. a. The classification of the various sections and chapters of the Strategic Intelligence Digest will be established individually by the Working Committee in accordance with the intelligence materials contained therein and as required by existing Security Regulations. The greatest care will be taken to maintain the security of the existence of the operation.

b. Access to Government agencies other than those participating in the project will be arranged by CIG. Representation on the Working Committee from additional Government agencies will be approved first by the Planning Committee.

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AMENDMENT TO C.I.G. DIRECTIVE DEVELOPMENT OF INTELLIGENCE ON U.S.S.R.Memorandum by the Secretary

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1. The Director of Central Intelligence and the Intelligence Advisory Board have unanimously concurred in amending paragraph 6 a of C.I.G. Directive dated 9 May 1946, which now reads:

"6. a. The classification of this project shall be TOP SECRET. The greatest care will be taken to maintain the security of the existence of the operation."

to read:

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2. It is therefore requested that all holders of C.I.G. Directive insert the attached amended page 3 in that Directive and destroy the superseded page

Secretary, F.I.A.

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Amendment to
CIG Directive

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